vvhich heere appeareth due vpon the bond.
Iew. Tis very true: ô wiſe and vpright Iudge,
how much more elder art thou then thy lookes.
Por. Therefore lay bare your boſome.
Iew. I, his breaſt,
ſo ſayes the bond, doth it not noble Iudge?
Neereſt his hart, thoſe are the very words.
Por. It is ſo, are there ballance here to weigh the fleſh?
Iew. I haue them ready.
Por. Haue by ſome Surgion *Shylocke* on your charge,
to ſtop his wounds, leaſt he doe bleede to death.
Iew. Is it ſo nominated in the bond?
Por. It is not ſo expreſt, but what of that?
Twere good you doe ſo much for charitie.
Iew. I cannot finde it, tis not in the bond.
Por. You Merchant, haue you any thing to ſay?
Ant. But little; *I* am armd and well prepard,
giue me your hand *Baſſanio*, far you well,
greeue not that *I* am falne to this for you:
for heerein Fortune ſhowes her ſelfe more kind
then is her cuſtome: it is ſtill her vſe
to let the wretched man out-liue his wealth,
to view with hollow eye and wrinckled brow
an age of pouertie: from which lingring pennance
of ſuch miſery doth ſhe cut me of.
Commend me to your honourable wife,
tell her the proceſſe of *Anthonios* end,
ſay how I lou'd you, ſpeake me faire in death:
and when the tale is told, bid her be iudge
vvhether *Baſſanio* had not once a loue:
Repent but you that you ſhall looſe your friend
and he repents not that he payes your debt.
For if the *Iew* doe cut but deepe enough,
*I*le pay it inſtantly with all my hart.
Baſſ. *Anthonio*, *I* am married to a wife
which is as deere to me as life it ſelfe,
but life it ſelfe, my wife, and all the world,

are not with me eſteemd aboue thy life.
I would looſe all, I ſacrifize them all
heere to this deuill, to deliuer you.
Por. Your wife would giue you little thankes for that
if ſhe were by to heare you make the offer.
Gra. I haue a wife who *I* proteſt *I* loue,
I would ſhe were in heauen, ſo ſhe could
intreate ſome power to change this curriſh Iew.
Ner. Tis well you offer it behind her back,
the wiſh would make elſe an vnquiet houſe.
Iew. Theſe be the chriſtian husbands, *I* haue a daughter
vvould any of the ſtocke of Barrabas
had beene her husband, rather then a Chriſtian.
We trifle time, *I* pray thee purſue ſentence.
Por. A pound of that ſame Merchants fleſh is thine,
the Court awards it, and the law doth giue it.
Iew. Moſt rightfull Iudge.
Por. And you muſt cut this fleſh from off his breaſt,
the law alowes it, and the court awards it.
Iew. Moſt learned Iudge, a ſentence, come prepare.
Por. Tarry a little, there is ſome thing elſe,
this bond doth giue thee heere no iote of blood,
the words expreſly are a pound of fleſh:
take then thy bond, take thou thy pound of fleſh,
but in the cutting it, if thou dooſt ſhed
one drop of Chriſtian blood, thy lands and goods
are by the lawes of Venice confiſcate
vnto the ſtate of Venice.
Gra. O vpright Iudge,
Marke Iew, ô learned Iudge.
Shy. Is that the law?
Por. Thy ſelfe ſhalt ſee the Act:
for as thou vrgeſt iuſtice, be aſſurd
thou ſhalt haue iuſtice more then thou deſirſt.
Gra. O learned iudge, mark *Iew*, a learned iudge.
Iew. I take this offer then, pay the bond thrice
and let the Chriſtian goe.